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Mr. William F. Caton
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Proposed First Quarter 2002 Universal Service Contribution Factor, CC Docket No. 96-45 Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116

## Dear Mr. Caton:

Re:

On February 5, 2002, I spoke with Kyle Dixon, Legal Adviser to Chairman Powell, to review AT&T's comments in the Universal Service Contribution Factor docket which requested, if necessary, a modification or waiver the rule that requires carriers to complete the Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet using revenue figures that are lagged by six months and instead utilize a projection of First Quarter 2002 revenues. The specific proposal was set forth in an ex parte communication filed with the Commission on December 13, 2001. In addition, I updated that proposal to explain how the Commission could make that request effective on either March 1, 2002 or April 1, 2002, the beginning of the second quarter. I also urged the Commission to continue working towards a permanent mechanism that would

eliminate the lag effect in its entirety and adopt a flat-rate assessment mechanism consistent with our comments, reply comments and other Coalition filings in this proceeding.

The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in the Comments and ex parte filings previously made in the aforementioned dockets. One copy of this Notice is being submitted for each of the referenced proceedings in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Zummy.

cc: Kyle Dixon